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25X1 About September 1953 work began on construction of a new bridge over the Shkumbi River. The bridge is being constructed to permit the Durres-Elbasan railroad line to be extended to the Vlone via Serki (or Serikou) (sic).<sup>1</sup> At the beginning of October 1953, about 500 young men and women were added to the labor force. Kyriakos Haritos<sup>2</sup> from Nivan (Gjinokaster) a deputy of the Albanian Assembly and Chairman of the Democratic Front addressed the young men and women at a gathering held at Tirana before their departure. The work on the bridge is under the supervision of General Sadik Bektashi.

25X1 1. [ ] Comment: This is probably Cerrik, a few miles southeast of Elbasan, where an oil refinery is being constructed.

25X1 2. [ ] Comment: Probably Harito Kirjako who is a member of the Presidium of the People's Assembly.

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